(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(e) what is the name of the tenderer to whom the contract was finally given;

(f) whether the concerned tenderer fulfils all the conditions, like the number of tankers, etc.;

(g) whether the tenderers have protested against the violation of rules pertaining to the opening of tenders;

(h) whether any action is being taken in the matter; and

(i) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (i) The joint public tender for bulk transportation of LPG floated by IOC and HPC was closed at 2.00 P.M. on 20-7-90 at New Dehi, Calcutta and Bombay and on 23-7-90 at Madras. The pertinent details of the credential bids were announced by the officials of IOC and HPC on the scheduled day. Certain tenderers of the Northern Region sought some additional information, which could not be divulged as it was not in line with the laid down procedure for opening tenders. Later on an association of the bulk LPG transport operators in the Northern region submitted a written protest to IOC. No action has been taken on this since there was no violation of the tender procedure. No contract has so far been awarded against this tender.

Quota of Gas connections for the Guests of Members of Parliament

2899. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quota of gas connections allotted to Members of Parliament at present;

(b) whether, in view of the ever increasing demand on Members of Parliament by persons belonging to their constituencies and others for gas connections, Government contemplate to increase the existing quota of each Member for allotment of gas connections on priority basis on their recommendations;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (d) At present, 24 LPG connections are released each year on priority basis on the recommendation of each Member of Parliament. As there are about 54.67 lakh persons registered with LPG Distributors in the country who are awaiting release of LPG connections and in view of constraints in the availability of LPG, it is not proposed to increase this quota for the present.

Development of human resource in CCI

2900. SHRI N.E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the field of human resource development has been given utmost priority in Cement Corporation of India since 1987; if so, what are the dedails of achievements of the HRD section of the CCI during the last three years; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that a Manual on Human Resources has also been brought out for 'scientific manpower planning' in the Corporation; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Cement Corporation of India has

all along been giving due priority to human resource development. The number of employees who were imparted training in different activities during the last 3 years is as follows:—

1987-88 . 2706

1988-89 . 1919

1989-90 . 1853

(b) Yes, Sir. Areas covered in the manual include human resource inventory, man-power wastage, training and employees' welfare etc.

Advertisement support to small scale industries through electronic media

2901. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to prov.de advertisement support to small scale indstries to reach consumers through electronic media; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) what are the other means by which Government propose to help the small scale industries to make their products reach the consumers?

THE MINISTFR OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : (a) Government are providing advertisment support to industries certified as SSI units by the Central or State Governments, who advertise through Doordarshan or Akashvani directly. They are eligible for a concession of 15% in the prescribed rates.

(b) Government are providing marketing support through Stores Purchase Programme, Buyers-Sellers Meet etc. NSIC also helps the SSI units in marketing their products through its various schemes namely Marketing Consortia, Market Development Centre, participation in National & International Exhibition etc.

राजस्थान ड्रग्स एण्ड फार्मास्यूटिकल्स लिमिटेड द्वारा सर्जिकल उपकरणों की खरीद

2902. डा० अबरार अहमद खान :
श्रीमती सत्या बहिन :

क्या **पेट्रोलियम और रसायन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भारत सरकार द्वारा जयपुर में राजस्थान ड्रग्स एण्ड फार्मास्युटिकल्स लिमिटेड स्थापित किये जाने के पीछे क्या औचित्य था ;

(ख) क्या आर०डी०पी०एल० सर्जिकल औजार बनाता है, यदि नहीं, तो क्या यह कंपनी खुले बाजार से सर्जिकल औजारों तथा उपकरणों की खरीद करके उनकी बिक्री करती है ; यदि हां, तो पिछले पांच वर्षों के दौरान किन-किन गैर-सरकारी कंपनियों से क्या-क्या उपकरण किन-किन दरों पर खरीदे गये तथा ये उपकरण किन-किन सरकारी विभागों और अस्पतालों को किन-किन मूल्यों पर बेचे गये ;

(ग) क्या आर०डी०पी०एल० ने आई० एस० आई० ग्रेड के उपकरण समाचार पत्रों में खुली निविदाओं के माध्यम से खरीदे थे या वे सीमित निविदाओं के माध्यम से खरीदे गये थे ; और

(घ) किन-किन कंपनियों ने निविदाएं भेजी थी और उनमें से प्रत्येक कंपनी ने क्या-क्या दरें उद्धृत की थी :